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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORTS VISIT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
TO LENINGRAD

1. JANUARY 18 LENINGRAD PRAVDA AND KOMSOMOL ORGAN, SMENA, CARRIED BRIEF LENTASS ANNOUNCEMENT "GUEST OF LENINGRAD." IT STATED THAT THE "DEPUTY OF THE DEPUTY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WILLIAM LUERS," ACQUAINTED HIMSELF WITH THE CITYQS ON THE NEVA, VISITED THE CITY XECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHERE HE CHATTED WITH THE FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, M. D. FILANOV, PAID A CALL ON THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, M. A. YEFIMOV, AND LEFT FOR MOSCOW LATE THAT EVENING.

2. WHEN WE TRIED TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, FOR UNSTATED REASONS THE MAYOR (ZAYKOV), CHAIRMAN OF THE OBLAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SHIBALOV), AND FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CITY PARTY COMMITTEE (ARISTOV) WERE ALL SAID NOT TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE CITY TO MEET WITH HIM. WHEN CG ASKED FOR SUBSTITUTE MEETING WITH SOME SECOND SECRETARY OF CITY PARTY COMMITTEE, HE WAS TOLD THAT EACH HEADED SEPARATE SECTIONS AND DID NOT HAVE THE BACKGROUND TO MEET WITH DIPLOMATS. (IN TALLINN

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LAST WEEK, MAYOR AND FIRST SECRETARY OF CITY COMMITTEE WERE SAID TO BE LEAVING FOR PERIODIC MEETING IN KALININ OF INTER-CITY CONSULTATIONS. CONCEIVABLY, THIS IS MEETING IN WHICH LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES WERE ALSO PARTICIPATING--BUT NOT PREPARED TO TELL US. IF SO, IT MUST BE A RATHER DRAWN-OUT, IMPORTANT AFFAIR.) ACTUAL MEETINGS WHICH LUERS HAD IN LENINGRAD WERE BORING NON-EVENTS. FYI: I PLAN TO VISIT RIGA

OR POSSIBLY VILNIUS JAN 29 - FEB 1. BUCHANAN

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